

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendment be made prior to examination of the present application. This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

In the specification, a paragraph has been added on page 1 to include the government support clause.

Non-elected claims 22-39 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 40 has been amended to correct a typo. New claim 51 based on previously presented claim 31 has been added. No new matter was added.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 40-51 without traverse.

Applicants respectfully request that the application be examined on the merits. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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